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FIVE MORE NAZI DIVISIONS TRAPPED

UE Here Tackles War, Peace Tasks

By Dorothy Loeb

CIO workers from New York and New Jersey important industry joined yesterday in solemn pledges to brothers in the armed services for production, political action and activities now to guarantee post-war peace and jobs.

The pledge was a highlight of a conference held at Hotel

Taft Moves to Stifle Federal Vote

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Senator A. Taft and other leaders of the Republican-Bourbon Democrats, coalition fighting the soldiers' right to vote, indicated tonight that they are determined to sidetrack the Green-Lucas Bill tomorrow and force the adoption of the House-approved State's rights measure.

The attempt to sidetrack the Green-Lucas Bill which contains the feature of the federal ballot failed by a 42-42 tie vote last Friday. Sen. John H. Overton of Louisiana, who engineered the last attempt, is again expected to lead the onslaught of the anti-democratic coalition tomorrow.

His strategy is to ask the Senate to set aside the Green-Lucas bill and take up the state's rights bill, or to seek reconsideration of the tie vote. If he succeeds, he then will ask that the Senate concur in the amended House bill.

Administration strategy is to obtain passage of the Green-Lucas measure, then offer it as an amendment to the House-approved bill. This would send the whole soldier vote issue to the conference between the Senate and House.

Neither side evidenced any willingness to compromise.

Sen. Allen W. Barkley was confident that Administration forces have mustered enough strength to pass the Green-Lucas bill. He felt that "some form of a federal ballot" will be provided in the legislation finally adopted.

Should the Green-Lucas bill be beaten in the Senate, the state ballot plan would face a veto by President Roosevelt, who has branded it a "fraud." A veto would not derive servicemen of an opportunity to vote, since 1942 soldier vote law would remain in effect, although states would have to take the necessary steps to provide absentee ballots.

Protest Mounting On Dewey Budget

Widespread protest throughout the state against Gov. Dewey's annual budget, will receive its sharpest expression at the public hearing on the budget called by legislative leaders for Wednesday afternoon in Albany.

The budget presented by the Governor is geared to the Hooverite idea of a post-war world of scarcity and retrogression. It is aimed at satisfying whatever sections of GOP reaction that may still be wavering that Dewey is a "safe" candidate for the presidency. Inevitably, it comes into clash with the needs of the people of the state.

Starting point for examining the issues raised by the budget is the huge surplus accumulated in the state treasury. The state will end the fiscal year, which closes March 31, with a surplus of about \$150,000,000. This huge accumulation has already been salted away by the legislature, at Dewey's dictation, into a "post-war reconstruction fund."

Dewey estimates the operating surplus for the coming year at \$17,600,000. His proposed appropriations add up to \$371,800,000, and his estimated revenue to \$364,000,000.

Wallace Gets AFL 4th Term Note

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 6 (UPI).—Vice President Henry A. Wallace left here today bearing a sealed envelope that contains the AFL Federated Trades and Labor Council's endorsement for a fourth term for President Roosevelt.

Robert Noonan, secretary of the Council, handed Wallace the sealed envelope during a luncheon at El Cortes Hotel attended by local Democratic Party figures.

He later told newsmen the message was a fourth term endorsement.

U.S. Completes Mop-Up of Kwajalein

Newbold Morris -- How About This?

Does Newbold Morris know whom he welcomed in the name of the City of New York when he extended greetings to the "Free Lithuania Association" convention at Hotel Pennsylvania?

Does he know that he was welcomed to the city as a fascist and fascist inspired group, whose objective is to return the old pro-Nazi regime to power in Lithuania?

As we pointed out yesterday, at least three well-known Lithuanian language papers in this country—two of them Catholic—have sharply denounced the guiding forces behind the convention as fascists.

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Finnish Crisis Grows Worse

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Nazi Forces Counter-Drive Below Rome

ABOARD THE JOINT EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FLAGSHIP, Kwajalein Atoll, Feb. 5 (Delayed) (UP).—The Seventh United States Army Division completed the conquest of Kwajalein Island, administrative heart of the Marshall Islands, at 3:30 P.M. yesterday, 78 hours after the first assault landing and three hours after the fall of Enewetak Island, the seaplane base on Kwajalein's flank.

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Certainly, the gathering at Hotel Pennsylvania does not speak for the 1,000,000 Lithuanians in the United

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Big Breakthrough in Nikopol Area; 250 Towns Captured

LONDON, Feb. 6 (UP).—The Soviet Third Ukrainian Army has trapped more than five German infantry divisions in the Nikopol area along the lower Dnieper River after a four-day offensive which breached the Nazi defenses to a depth of 37 miles along a 105-mile front, Premier Stalin announced tonight.

The Soviets, commanded by Gen. Rodion Y. Malinovsky, put to rout four other

German infantry and three tank divisions of approximately 70,000 to 100,000 men as they captured more than 250 localities and trapped the second sizable Nazi force to be surrounded on the Dnieper River in less than a week.

The latest group caught in the Red Army encirclement was estimated to number from 50,000 to 75,000 men who, like their 100,000 comrades 175 miles to the north in the "Cherkassy Pocket," faced death or surrender.

Moscow dispatches said the Germans in the northern trap, 18,300 of whom have been killed in the past few days, were running low on shells and gasoline and were receiving only one meal daily.

Wide open warfare between highly mobile armored forces was reported in progress on the flat approaches to Rome, particularly in the area of Carroccia, 22 miles from the capital where the British "adjusted" and consolidated" their positions.

This indicated a British retirement of some six miles from previous advance positions around Campo Leone and front dispatches said the withdrawal became necessary when the Germans infiltrated.

The fighting was so fluid that in one instance an American tank-destroyer team forced the surrender of scores of Germans but was unable to take them prisoner because no Allied infantry were available to round them up.

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The bulletin revealed that the Soviets also had dug deeper into the Cherkassy pocket in today's fighting, driving in from the north and south to within 16 miles of a junction which would split the area in half.

On the north the Red Army took Drabovka, 23 miles south of Kanev, and on the south they took Petropavlovka, 17 miles north of Shpol. Seventeen tri-motor transports trying to fly aid to the beleaguered Nazis were shot down and German attempts to break into the pocket as the surrounds were turned back.

Moscow dispatches said the area of the pocket had been reduced to less than 450 square miles. The Moscow Radio said that Gen. Walter Von Seydlitz, taken at Stalingrad and now President of the Soviet-sponsored union of German officers and vice-president of the National Committee of Free Germany, broadcast an appeal to the surrounded men to surrender and join his group.

A STRONG WEDGE

Stalin's Order, his 17th to salute a major Red Army victory in five weeks, revealed that the Soviets advanced west of Nikopol to reach the lower Dnieper not far from that manganese center of 57,000 and "cut off the way of retreat westward for over five infantry divisions."

Springing into action from bridges carved on the west bank of the Dnieper opposite Zaporoze, Malinovsky's forces smashed through a belt of heavily-fortified German defenses strung along the circumference of the ring around the German troops. The position of the encircled Germans grew more and more critical as the ring tightened.

Soviet units occupied Smila, Shpol, Zvenigorodka, Kanev, Golubiv, and the big rail junction of Bohorivskaya, Tavetovo and Mirnovka, Major Olenker said.

The Germans made repeated attempts to break through the ring, delivering violent counter-attacks but without success.

They fortified their flanks, dug in, building a chain of fortifications with concentrated, picked troops. The terrain favored the enemy who occupied the dominating heights. Swamps and forest land reinforced his defense line.

NAZIS SURPRISED

Bloody battles raged north of Khrustovka, as enemy tanks, wave after wave, attacked the Soviet positions, suffering tremendous losses. Soviet units ground down the enemy's manpower and equipment. Simultaneously, on an adjoining sector, our forces concentrated for a blow at the flank of an advanced German group. It took the Germans by surprise, despite all their preparations for defense.

Capturing the dominating heights, the troops of the first Ukrainian front forged ahead, enveloping and liquidating the enemy's center of

German Tourists' Jam Spain

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CAIRO, Feb. 6 (UPI).—German "tourists" and "commercial travelers" have been arriving in Spain in increasing numbers for some weeks and are especially active in such coastal cities as Barcelona, Valencia, and Corunna, according to reliable information from Spain received here today.

"Within the framework of the Atlantic Charter and Tehran Declaration," Dr. Yergan said, "there exists today the realistic possibility, indeed, the necessity for carrying forward a broadly-conceived plan for meeting the education and health needs, providing the economic development, and insuring speedy advancement toward complete responsible self-government for the African people."

Citing the statement of a U. S. State Department official that "The Americas has to solve two main problems in the struggle against the Fifth Column. The first is not to permit a policy of break or even war with the Axis to be entrusted to fascist or fascist-influenced leaders. In the case of Bolivia, non-recognition solves the problem for the moment. But why only Bolivia?"

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MOSCOW, Feb. 6 (ICN).—Describing the encirclement of ten German divisions Red Star's special correspondent, Major P. Olenker writes: The offensive lasted five days, and from the first day it spread to tremendous territory. Fighting flared up simultaneously in a number of other important directions, and the breach on every sector of the offensive soon widened.

resistance. The German front yielded. In an effort to throw back the advancing units to their starting positions, the enemy offered furious resistance. In a number of points, fighting was extremely violent.

Meantime the enemy's defenses cracked in other points as well. After forcing a breach, units of the First Ukrainian front swept forward, eastward, to meet troops of the Second Ukrainian front advancing from the west. Everything now depended on speed and offensive. Emerging from the rear of the German units, Soviet tanks and motorized infantry split many of them. A great number of Germans were crushed under caterpillars, destroyed by fire, their remnants scattered in the nearby woods. This was Stalingrad all over again.

Soviets Deny Bid To Finland

LONDON, Feb. 6 (UP).—Radio Moscow today denied reports "published in the foreign press" that Russia was engaged in separate peace negotiations with Finland or that she had given an ultimatum to Finland.

The official Russian agency Tass, Moscow said, was authorized to deny the reports as "not corresponding in any way to reality."

Khrushev, Korniechuk Get Key Ukraine Posts

MOSCOW, Feb. 6 (UP).—The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Ukraine, in the first action taken under the new laws granting certain autonomy to the 16 Soviet republics, has issued a decree appointing Nikita Sergeyevich Khrushev, President of the Ukrainian Council of Peoples Commissars and Alexander Korniechuk, Foreign Affairs Commissar, a Soviet dispatch from Kiev reported today.

The decree followed recent passage by the Supreme Soviet of constitutional changes granting the union republics autonomy in raising armies and maintaining diplomatic relations with neighboring countries.

Khrushev is a member of the politbureau and president of the Military Council of the First Ukrainian Front commanded by Gen. Nikolai Vatutin. In the latter post he presided over the most important military decisions carried out by Vatutin and held powers similar to those wielded by Andrei Zhdanov, President of the Leningrad Military Council.

Korniechuk's appointment followed his resignation several days ago from the post of vice-commissar of foreign affairs for the entire Soviet Union.

Ramirez Regime Shows No Signs Of Changing Its Fascist Policies

By Rodolfo Ghioldi

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 6.—Ten days after the Ramirez government has broken relations with the Axis as solely due to the existence of a certain Argentine citizen named Hellmut (arrested as a Nazi spy last October by the British), from which it can be deduced that the rupture is not linked to the government's policy against the Nazi regime.

Although defeated last week by a government Social-Democratic, Volomons obtained 32 votes when he ran for Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies. He was also one of 33 signers of a peace petition last year to President Risto Rytty.

These reports indicate a sharpening of the fight within the Social-Democratic Party, the main support of the present government. But underlying this government crisis is a much deeper cleavage within the country, which becomes sharper with every victory of the Red Army.

Lubljana-Grosopoje line disrupted.

In other harassing operations, the communists said, five trains were derailed in the Volodina area, the railway line at Dravtina wrecked at two places, two locomotives blown up on the railroad between Zidan Most and Ljubljana, and rail communications around Novo Mesto on the Lubljana-Grosopoje line disrupted.

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radio also contributes to defining the real nature of the Ramirez policy.

El Siglo, the Chilean daily published in Santiago, declares that the decree of rupture is not enough, and demands that the Argentine government break with the GOU (Grupo Oficial de Unidad), the organization of fascist military officers controlling the Ramirez regime and plotting abroad.

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Vatican's 'Neutral' Policies Have Been Direct Aid to Fascists

By Joseph Starobin

The comment of a Soviet journalist on the Vatican's foreign policies is itself causing a good deal of comment.

It is quite a compliment to the importance of the Soviet Union these days that a report of the Foreign Policy Association, dated Jan. 15, 1943 receives almost no attention until an obscure writer for a Soviet newspaper takes note of it; then our most authoritative commentators and newspapers seize the occasion for heated polemics as though some world-shaking diplomatic incident had occurred.

It is a hard lot, indeed, when Foreign Policy Association experts can gain American recognition only in such a roundabout, trans-Atlantic fashion.

The Times on Feb. 4 observed that "Izvestia sought to be well enough informed to know that the Vatican, as a temporal power, is a neutral state with which Russia's two great allies, Britain and the United States, have friendly and confident relations."

Walter Lippmann made the same point.

Well, I do not know how Izvestia is informed on such matters. But it will be news to most Americans that the United States maintains official relations with the Vatican as a neutral state.

I remember my history, no such recognition of the Vatican ever went through ordinary, legal channels. We do not have an ambassador to the Vatican. We have the President's personal representative to the Pope, Myron C. Taylor, appointed on Dec. 23, 1939. Mr. Taylor pays his own way, so far as is known.

I bring this up only to make it clear that our friendly and confident relations with the Vatican are not official, diplomatic relations at all. In any case they are of very recent origin and rest on a dubious, legal basis.

The Soviet Union on the other hand has no relations with the Vatican. Therefore, even if the Izvestia article were an official document, there is no reason why our own shadowy relations with the Vatican, should curtail the Soviet freedom of expression. By that reasoning, criticism of the Finnish government is somehow abhorrent to us because we still maintain relations with Finland. Or would the Times prefer the Polish government-in-exile as a better example?

But notice the phrase "the Vatican, as a temporal power . . ." That is crucial to any serious discussion. In so far as the Vatican is a spiritual power, no Communist wishes to enter the polemic. For we have nothing against the rights of Catholic religion. We have nothing against the millions of fellow-Americans of Catholic faith many of whom

What the Foreign Policy Association Said

Here are some excerpts from the Foreign Policy Association report by Sherman S. Hayden, Jan. 15, 1943, which aroused favorable comment from Izvestia writer, B. Petrov, last week.

On Mussolini: "The Papal record of practical statesmanship is less impressive. Granted that the Holy See is in Italy and must accommodate itself to Italian policy, it can only be regretted that its associations with fascism should have been so close. It was imprudent in the extreme, for Pius XI to rejoice over Mussolini's conquest of Ethiopia, particularly after the attacks on the Church which immediately followed the Lateran Treaty . . ."

On Franco: "One could not expect the Church to support the Spanish Republic, but it is unfortunate that such whole-hearted support was

given to General Franco—all the more because Pius XI seems to have suspected the true situation . . ."

On the "Bolshevik Bogey": "One could not have expected the Church to look with favor on Soviet Russia, but one might have hoped for an earlier realization of where the graver danger lay for Europe and the world. One fears that in this case a zealot's conviction replaced statesmanlike objectivity . . ."

On Nazi Germany: "It might also be argued that, when the anti-Christian nature of Nazi Germany became as well understood as it was by 1937, the Church should have taken a more militant stand. The delicacy of the Pope's international position is obvious, but his mistakes in policy, some now tacitly and almost openly admitted by the Vatican, cannot entirely be excused or explained away . . ."

same right to question the Vatican's policies as we have to examine Franco's policies . . . or Turkey's . . . or until ten days ago Argentina's."

And here it is obvious that the Catholic hierarchy in this country and in Latin America are greatly divided. A very powerful section of this hierarchy for which Msgr. Fulton Sheen speaks, and which is not rebuked at all by Archbishop Spellman or the Vatican, continues to this very day to attack two basic principles of American foreign policy, namely, friendship with the Soviet Union and friendship with our Latin American neighbors.

For example, it was Fulton Sheen who replied to the Izvestia article that the Soviet Union and Germany were about to sign a separate peace and that the USSR was trying to dominate all of Europe. If this is not an arrogant bit of anti-American, pro-German propaganda, what is? If such are the Vatican's defenders in this country, then Americans are bound to conclude that Izvestia's comment is quite timely.

Was it not Fulton Sheen who inspired the Sinarquistas in Mexico in their anti-American and anti-Mexican campaign, after the last Euclidian Congress? And was it not this very spiritual leader, Msgr. Sheen, who called for a most material, substantial, earthly revolution in Mexico against the Avila Camacho government?

Fortunately, Msgr. Sheen is fighting a losing battle. There are powerful Catholic leaders, such as the Mexican Archbishop Luis M. Ortega, or the Polish priest, Rev. Stanislaw Olszewski, or Prof. Francis E. McMahon . . . or Bishop D'Andrea of Argentine who realize that the temporal as well as spiritual interests of Catholics demands an accommodation to the inevitable democratic victory. Indeed, these leaders are helping in their own ways to bring such victory. Marian Bachrach, in this week's *New Masses*, describes this struggle in timely detail.

Like the reactionary hierarchy in this country, the Vatican is fighting a losing battle. Europe is moving to the inevitable victory of democracy . . . which only the fascists will confuse with Socialism.

The fact that the Vatican is tenaciously obstructing this inevitable march to democracy does not make its policies any wiser or any more successful. On the contrary, it only strains the good-will of non-Catholics, and serves to disillusion and embitter those millions of Catholics who will share in, and contribute to, this democratic victory.

China Minister Denies Reports of Civil War

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

Gen. Ho Ying-chin, the Chinese Minister of War, who is known to be the leading reactionary, pro-Japanese element in Chungking, has denied reports of impending civil war in China. In an exclusive interview with the N. Y. Times, on Saturday Ho Ying-chin declared the "the Generalissimo's plan to solve the Chinese Communists problem by pacific and political means is progressing satisfactorily and with every chance of success."

General Ho declared that there are now fewer Chungking troops blockading the Northwest than last November, inferentially an admission that the blockade is a reality. The Times reporter claims on the authority of reliable Chungking sources that high Communist political and military are coming from Yenan to discuss the outstanding issues.

It was obvious that General Ho, and the circles around him, are alarmed at the situation in this country of Mine Sun-Yat-sen's appeal to the American people to avert the impending civil war in China.

The Daily Worker, among other publications, published her appeal last Tuesday, and commented editorially upon it last Thursday.

Denials from such men as General Ho, it is believed are all the more reason for American labor to respond to Mine Sun's appeal.

If Chungking wishes to allay American worry, all the more reason to believe that there is to much to be worried about.

U. S., Britain to Honor Lincoln In Broadcast

Vice-President Wallace, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Shakespearean actor and folk singer, Paul Robeson, will be among the principals in a world-wide Lincoln Birthday radio broadcast next Saturday, from 10 to 10:30 A.M., originating with the Office of War Information and the British Broadcasting Corporation, the OWI announced yesterday.

Mr. Wallace will speak from Lincoln's Tomb at Springfield, Ill., the Bishop of Canterbury from London, and Paul Robeson, who will be the narrator of the program originating in the United States, will speak from New York. Mr. Robeson will sing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Other speakers will include Jack Jones, British war worker from Manchester studying American production methods, who will broadcast from Birmingham, Ala.; Alfred Lunt, the American actor, who will read Lincoln's second inaugural address, and Herbert Asar, head of the British division of OWI, both of whom will broadcast from London. The Hon. Quinton Hogg, member of Parliament, will also speak from London.

The original program will be shortwaved from 10 New York stations.

Ecuador Delegate To London Named

By Manuel Marzo

QUAYAQUIL, Feb. 6 (ALN)—Ecuador labor this week named Pedro A. Saad, general secretary of the National Committee of Ecuador Workers (CNTE), as the first of their two delegates to the world labor conference, opening in London on June 5.

The invitation to the conference, called by the British Trades Union Congress, was received by the Union Sindical de Trabajadores del Guayas, an affiliate of the CNTE. After the government broke up a national labor congress in March, 1943, the CNTE was established to make plans for the formation of a united confederation of all labor organizations in this country.

At present a truce is in effect between the trade unions and President Arroyo del Rio's government.

Stressing the importance of the invitation to Ecuador labor, Saad told Alred Labor News: "The program adopted at London with respect to the organization of the post-war world, will mean decisive aid for our own progress and liberation from Ecuador's semi-colonial economy."

Although the conference will be merely consultative, the workers of Ecuador await positive results from it," he added.

The CNTE, meanwhile, is continuing to call provincial labor congresses throughout the country before establishing the national labor confederation. The statutes of the Provincial Federation of Guayas Workers have been in the hands of the Minister of Social Welfare, and Labor since its formation last November, but have not yet received his approval.

CNTE leaders have received reports confirming foreign influences in the Bolivian coup, which, they say, "have also been felt in other Latin American countries including Ecuador. They will withhold support to the new Bolivian junta until the demagogic declarations of the de facto government" are carried out.

Biddle Names Oseas

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (UP)—Attorney General Francis Biddle announced tonight the appointment of Israel B. Oseas of New York City as special assistant to the Attorney General, with assignment to the Anti-Trust Division Office, in New York.

Step Nearer Tokio



This is Eniwetok, most northwesterly of the Marshall atolls and, being closest to Tokio, most likely a base, soon, for our planes striking at the heart of Japan. Note what appears to be an excellent airplane landing field.

Soldier Vote Issue Is Fight for Democracy

By Hans Berger

The outcome of the fight for the soldier vote is of very great international importance. What conclusion will the other nations draw in regard to the solidity of our foreign policy if they watch how the so-called representatives of the American people are stealing from their own soldiers the right to vote?

The reasoning of the other nations will go in the following direction: What can we expect from the United States if their representatives are taking away from their own soldiers the right to vote? Is not every agreement, every word of our diplomats comprised: is not Moscow and Tehran brought in danger by this planned robbery on American soldiers by Americans themselves?

Who is going to rely on a man who is even robbing his own family? What effect can the best agreements with other nations have if there are many dozens of Congressmen and Senators who don't mind taking away from their own soldiers this basic democratic right?

The Nazis started their brutalities against their own people. Then they began to brutalize the other nations. Where is the guarantee for the other nations that the same spirit, which robs American soldiers, of their basic democratic right, will not turn tomorrow against them? Also, of course, under all kinds of legalistic arguments which cover aggression against Democracy. For the fight against the soldier's vote is aggression against Democracy.

Nobody can seriously think that England, the Soviet Union or other nations would not draw from this after the war.

Stalin Lauds Steel Workers

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

MOSCOW, Feb. 6.—Widely displayed in the Soviet press was Marshal Stalin's congratulatory message to the Chelyabinsk workers for completing the construction of rolling mills which put the first open hearth in operation. Marshal Stalin also praised the workmen of the Zvezda power station in the Don Basin, who have put into operation a 50,000 kilowatt turbine and two boilers.

The Chelyabinsk mills are among the many industrial enterprises in the Urals, which have been built during the war and are producing seamless pipes for the oil, electrical and defense industries. These mills were built in record time.

The main factory blocks were completed early in 1942 and in the autumn of the same year the country received the first lot of pipes. Nevertheless, in order to work under normal conditions and relieve railway transport of the necessity of carrying steel castings, it was necessary to have their own metallurgical base, and so a powerful open hearth department was built.

Construction of this began in May of 1943 and 260 days later the open hearth produced its first steel.

The Zvezda turbo-generator was assembled in the record time of 90 days and the boilers were put into operation days ahead of schedule.

The power station is being restored from ruins.

When Fedor Yudin, an ex-worker of this station and now a Red Army commander, was the first to break into the station building, he found all the boilers smashed and vast quantities of explosives planted under them.

With the help of the local inhabitants he removed 13 tons of explosives. The following day the restoration work, guided by Yudin, who was appointed director.

To begin with, they removed 6,500 cartloads of debris and 450 cartloads of metal scrap. The builders worked round the clock, forgetting to rest for their meals, and exceeding their goals by 400 and more per cent.

Thus, in five days, without machines and with the aid of eight bricklayers, they laid 25,000 bricks and 3,500 stones.

The workers were eager to speed the restoration of the building and bring the first turbo-generator into operation which would provide electricity for mines, factories and railway depots.

Twenty minutes before the end of the year the turbine was set going and now supplies power to towns, settlements, mines, factories and workers' homes. The completion of the new turbo-generator will accelerate the pace of the revival of the Donbas.

'The Old Man' Who Gave The Nazis No Respite

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

MOSCOW, Feb. 6.—Referring to the recent awards of government Orders to a group of Estonian guerrillas, Red Star writes the following:

One of the recipients of the Order of Lenin is known among the people as "the old man." He is the commander of a guerrilla detachment which won fame by its daring raids on German garrisons.

Wounded six times in battle, he recovered each time to return to command his detachment.

One day, the guerrilla detachment raided the station P just as German soldiers entrained for the front. Stunned by the surprise attack, the German soldiers began to scatter. Destroying more than 90 Hitlerites, the guerrillas vanished.

On a second occasion, 11 guerrillas of this detachment fought against 120 German soldiers, emerging from the raiders were killed while the rest fled. The guerrillas captured rifles, tommy-guns and ammunition.

In a raid on station Z, a small



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Mayor Hits Dewey On Education Cut

Gov. Dewey's proposed budget cut for state aid for education would "play havoc" with New York's school system, Mayor LaGuardia asserted yesterday in his broadcast over Station WNYC.

He described the reduction, which would deprive the city of \$4,500,000, as "folly" and said if it were persisted in, it would have to be applied by cutting items in elementary, junior high, academic day high and vocational high schools.

Citing a letter that he wrote to Ellsworth Buck, president of the Board of Education, the Mayor said that he believed that whoever estimated the state education figure in Dewey's budget "cleaved too closely to technicalities in the construction of the purpose and scope of State Aid."

"I do not know the basis justifying the proposed reduction but I do know that it will play havoc with our school system in this city," said his letter to Mr. Buck.

CIO DELEGATION

A few days earlier, the Greater New York Industrial Council, representing 500,000 CIO members took a similar stand on the Dewey budget and voted to send a mass delegation to Albany this Wednesday to fight against its adoption. Educational and parent organizations are also up in arms against it.

HITS 'PEACE NOW'

The Mayor opened his broadcast with a bristling reference to the "Peace Now people." He called radio listeners' attention to an article on Japanese atrocities committed against American prisoners in The New York Times and said:

"Keep it at a reminder when the Peace Now people, the Jap lovers, the negotiated-peace crowd, you know, the old America First crowd, start talking again."

"In fact they are murmuring already. Keep an eye on those people and remember what happened to our men in the Philippines and in Japan."

HERLANDS TO QUIT INVESTIGATION POST

William B. Herlands will resign as City Commissioner of Investigation March 1 to resume the private practice of law, Mayor LaGuardia announced yesterday at City Hall.

The Mayor, disclosing that he had accepted the resignation with regret, paid tribute to the Commissioner's administration as a "brilliant and shining chapter in the hard fight for decent and clean government."

Issue Manual For Communist Club Leaders

Communist leaders of the community clubs will welcome the announcement that the Organization Department of the National Committee has prepared for publication a new Manual for Community Club Leaders: A Handbook for the Use of Officers and Committees of Communist Community Clubs. Such a manual has long been needed. Priced at 10 cents, this handy size 64-page pamphlet has a table of contents that will bring joy to the hearts of all club executives and active leaders.

Following a greeting to Communist club leaders, there are three chapters, on "The Purpose of the Manual"; "The Role and Concept of the Communist Community Club"; and "The Role and Function of the Executive Committee." These are followed by separate chapters discussing the special problems and tasks of "The Club Chairman"; "The Club Executive Secretary"; "The Club Membership Director"; "The Club Labor Chairman"; "The Club War Activities Director"; "The Club Educational Director"; "The Club Press Director"; "The Club Literature Director"; "The Club Financial Secretary"; and "The Club Recording Secretary."

The Manual also includes an extensive bibliography of suggested readings for both old and new members, stressing particularly The Communist, the Daily Worker and The Worker, and the classics of Marxism.

The new Manual is packed with valuable suggestions that will help to improve the work of the individual club officers and the effective functioning of the executive committees as collective bodies.

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Child Care Needs Peril War Output In Los Angeles

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 6.—The rapid-growing city of Los Angeles with its vast war industry and multiplying population presents a typical picture of the child care problem in America today.

In December, Los Angeles County had only 73 nurseries for children of working mothers, with an enrollment of 2,768; and 72 extended day care centers with an enrollment of 1,831. Nearly all nurseries are filled to capacity and have waiting lists.

Some unused capacity exists in the extended day care centers, but it is believed this would be filled quickly if a community-wide information program were launched.

However, the Aircraft War Production Council recently reported 24,230 mothers of children under 16 now working in aircraft plants, while the California Shipbuilding Corporation alone employs mothers of 2,960 children. These studies by key war industries indicate the present and potential need for child care centers and information centers, plant counselors, and other social agencies respond a steady demand for childcare facilities. When these needs cannot be met absenteeism and labor turnover result.

"Bulgarian collaborators of Hitler have not only failed to stop terrorist activities against Yugoslavia but have sent two more Bulgarian divisions to the country," Moscow said.

The ports of Burgas and Varna and others have been made into German military bases against Russia. The people of Varna have been removed and the town is used to house German officers and men.

"Bulgarian rail lines, both under complete German control, are transporting war material to the Russian front. Bulgarian airmen and telephone and telegraph communications are at the complete disposal of the Germans."

German troops on the Soviet front regularly receive from Bulgaria food and other indispensable supplies.

"What value, then, have statements by Bulgarian politicians such as Prime Minister Dobri Bogilov that Bulgarians are not taking part in hostilities against the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia but are merely defending their frontiers?"

WARS CRISIS

George D. Nickel, executive secretary of the Child Care Coordinating Committee for Women in Industry, emphasized that the failure of Congress to appropriate additional funds for the Federal Works Agency to use for Lanham Act nurseries and child care centres has endangered the whole war program in this area.

Mr. Nickel stressed that funds are needed not only for operating costs but for new nursery housing. Applications for some 45 nursery housing units in Los Angeles County have been placed already and at least 30 more are expected to be placed immediately. The extended day care program will also need housing if it is to expand.

UE HERE TACKLES WAR PEACE PROBLEMS

(Continued from Page 1)

lifted, Red Army troops stormed into Poland and Estonia, and vast networks of supply railroads were won by the Red Army in the victorious march.

In moving against Nikopol the Soviets were seeking to pry the Germans loose from their remaining footholds on the Dnieper—they have one other at Khrushev at the mouth of the river 120 miles to the south—and force them westward where they faced a threat from Gen. Nikolai F. Vatutin's First Ukrainian Army which was driving deeper into the western Ukraine, 460 miles to the west. Vatutin's forces were almost at the rail junction of Lvow, capture of which would cut the German's only major rail line to the Dnieper bend area, the Odessa-War saw line, and force them to fall back on secondary lines curving through Rumania.

The bulletin indicated that with the new burst of fighting in the south the Soviet northern offensive below Leningrad might have come to a temporary halt. It said that Gen. Leonid A. Govorov's Leningrad Army, driving into Estonia, had completely cleared the east bank of the Narva River about six to nine miles over the border, at points north and south of the stronghold of Narva on the west bank.

Newbold Morris needs to be more discriminating as to whom he welcomes in the name of the City of New York. He should also think matters over a bit before accepting on its face value the usual maneuver of pro-fascist and anti-Soviet elements in attempting to hide behind the Atlantic Charter. The Charter does not grant anyone the right to reestablish fascist and pro-German governments.

And besides, the Lithuanian people have already expressed their will in plebiscite and in elections, and that is what the Atlantic Charter guarantees.

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Negro Leader Heads Drive to Rout Rankin

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 6.—"Rep. Rankin is responsible for his actions in Congress to the people of Pennsylvania, and the rest of the country as well as to the few thousand who are allowed to vote for him in Mississippi." Arthur Huff Faust told a meeting at the YMCA last night as the United Peoples Action Committee of which he is chairman launched a drive to arouse Pennsylvania congressmen and the people to the way Rankin, Hoffman, and Fish are menacing the country and the war. Spearhead of the UPAC drive will be a campaign for the Federal Soldier Vote Bill, and to have the President's Fair Employment Practice Committee made into law by passage of the Marcanio bill with the Scanlon-Dawson amendments.

"We want our congressmen not only to vote right," said chairman Faust who is principal of Philadelphia's largest elementary school, "we want them to fight and lead us in Congress to stop Rankin." The UPAC has been the dynamo behind the campaign to get Negroes skilled jobs on the Phila. Transportation Company represents some fifty civic, religious and labor bodies. Its campaign will include the fight against anti-Semitism in conjunction with Jewish organizations.

Allied Foray in West Burma

ALLIED SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND, New Delhi, Feb. 6 (UP)—Allied ground and air forces made new thrusts at the Japanese in western Burma over the weekend, inflicting heavy casualties in the Arakan sector, where an enemy attack on a hill west of Sinchey was repulsed, and in the areas east and northeast of Buthidaung.

U. S. Bombers Pound France

LONDON, Feb. 6 (UP)—Hundreds of American heavy and medium bombers, carrying forward a great Allied aerial offensive to drive the Luftwaffe from western European skies, pounded seven enemy airfields in Northern France today, leaving them shattered and swept by fire.

At the same time, hundreds of other British and American planes of all types blasted military objectives on the French invasion coast with tons of high explosive.

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Unions, Farmers In Oklahoma Form Action Council

(Special to the Daily Worker)

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 6—AFL-CIO, Railroad Unions, farmers and consumer organizations have joined in establishing the statewide Oklahoma Unity Council to advance democratic action in government and other fields.

The Council's board of directors is made up of heads of the Farmers Union, the four railroad transportation brotherhoods, the Oklahoma State Federation of Labor, the CIO, the General Welfare Federation of America and other unions and bonafide regional councils of these groups.

Ray Byler, executive secretary of the AFL State Federation, is its representative on the Council, and the Rev. B. T. Kirby is CIO representative.

Among the items listed on the program are: provision for rehabilitation for demobilized servicemen; expansion of social security; sponsorship of policies to stabilize farm prices, education to offset disunity propaganda; extension of rural electrification; equitable adjustment of interstate rates and abolition of discriminatory freight rates operating against the South.

ELECTION CHANGES

Other items in the Council's program of principles relate to election procedure. The organization will seek a law permitting voters to register any day of the year. Sundays and legal holidays excluded, and will ask that polls remain open on election day from 6 A.M. until 9 P.M. Laws relating to initiative and referendum, the Council contends, should be amended so that the majority of votes cast on the specific proposition shall control, without reference to the silent vote.

Special provision is also made in the program for activities to protect labor's rights and promote legislation to improve labor standards.

Organization in counties, cities and precincts throughout the state is contemplated and membership is open to all individuals who belong to the participating organizations. AFL representatives in every county are being asked to serve on County Councils as they are built.

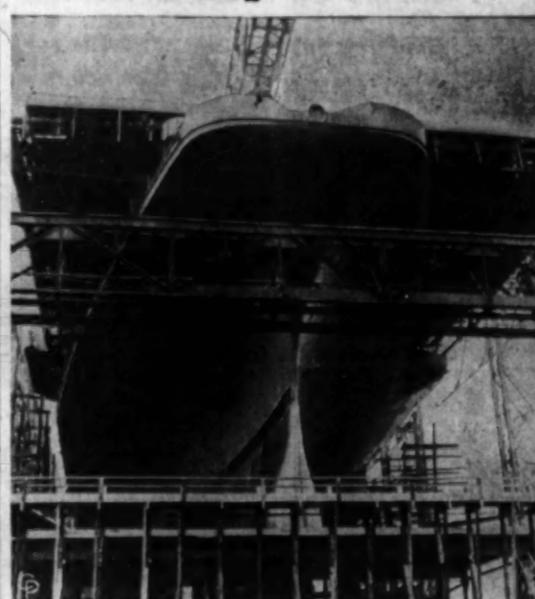
Consumers Group Meets Tuesday

The Upper West Side Consumers' Council, affiliated with the New York City Consumer Council, will hold a mass meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 8 P.M. at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, 23rd W. 73rd St., to set up neighborhood markets, to enforce price control and bring pressure on Congress to vote for subsidies.

Speakers on the various phases of these activities will be Paul Ross, chief enforcement attorney of the OPA, Clifford McAvoy, legislative representative, Greater New York Industrial Union Council, A. F. Guckenberger, executive secretary, New York State Food Merchants Association and a prominent member of the New York City Consumer Council. Of special interest will be the appearance of Mrs. Betty Traunstein, housewife, who won three damage suits against chiseling butchers.

The federation executive council takes the view that Russia's unions are not "free," but subservient to the Soviet state, and that American unions therefore cannot meet them on common ground.

'Ticonderoga' the Fourth



This new aircraft carrier, shown standing on the ways at the Newport News, Va., Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., is the fourth United States war vessel to bear the name "Ticonderoga" and the sixth ship to be constructed at these yards.

IAM Lodges Oppose Delay In Convention

A proposal to postpone the 1944 convention of the International Association of Machinists is meeting with strong opposition in the union's lodges and may not carry when the current poll of the lodges is tabulated.

The proposal to postpone the convention until after the war was put before the lodges by the executive council of the I. A. M.

Reports from many districts indicate that some of the largest lodges, especially those in the huge plane and other war plants, are voting against postponement. The large affiliates in the Seattle area are among those for holding of the schedule convention. A majority of the lodges in the Cleveland district have taken the same stand.

Arguments indicate no special significance on the lineup upon the issue. Some of the lodges regarded as close supporters of President Harvey W. Brown have voted against postponement.

REASONS OFFERED

The executive council's communication to the lodges gave as reasons for the recommendation the difficulty of getting proper accommodations for 1,000 delegates or of "suitable places for eating." Inadequate printing facilities for daily convention proceedings, are seen as a further difficulty. Absence from production by some delegates as long as three weeks, is also given as a reason.

The letter of the council adds that "it is not the desire of the executive council to influence the membership on this question, but we believe we would be remiss in our duty if we did not bring these matters to the members' attention."

The Union charges that the inefficiency and mismanagement at the depot is coupled with a campaign of intimidation directed against union members, with Navy supervisors openly offering men cushy civilian service jobs to quit the union.

The charges are backed, the Union says, by documentary evidence and many witnesses who are ready to testify before any investigating body.

The Union has already submitted proposals to the Naval District Power Survey Board which it contends would effect a saving of 25 percent of the labor.

The principal discussion is the post-war outlook since this is the point that especially interests the 650,000 members of the union. The viewpoint most strongly expressed holds that this is precisely the time to take up post-war policy and to put the union's full strength behind the 1944 struggle that will so greatly influence post-war outlook.

But Lewis has to carry out some

Dubinsky Aide Still With 'Peace' Group

With the election campaign in ILGWU locals now in the final stage, Louis Nelson, President David Dubinsky's manager of Knitgoods Workers Local 155, has not yet dissociated himself from his "peace now" friends.

Nelson is one of the trade union "experts" of Norman Thomas' Socialist Party and contributor to his weekly paper, the "Peace Now" organ. George Hartmann, head of the "peace now" movement, was candidate for Mayor and other posts on the Socialist ticket.

The Nelson line is well indicated in a printed folder his "progressive" group in the union issued, listing its entire program. There is not one word that even remotely suggests that group is interested in furthering the war effort. One would conclude from the program that the war is over since the only reference to it is in a section on "post-war."

There is not a single reference to 1944 election and mention of the President not to speak of a fourth term, is conspicuously absent. The only political point is the call for an "Independent national Farmer-Labor Party." This demagogic bears the clear stamp of the Thomas Socialists and Trotzkites. Neither is there even a hint on the stand of the Nelson people on the Tehran conference and all its implications. There isn't a word on the efforts Dubinsky has been making to bring the anti-Semitic and defeatist John L. Lewis into AFL ranks.

The Nelson program is clear evidence of the type of deception "peace now" elements are putting over in their effort to catch the support of workers who would have no part of them if their aims were similarly stated. All the crucial issues are ducked.

RANK AND FILE ANSWER

A stinging reply-nailing Nelson on precisely the points he conveniently left out, is contained in a pamphlet issued by the Knitgoods Workers Rank and File Unity Committee.

"To our great sorrow and shame," says the Rank and File, "we find Nelson the manager of our union, lined up with the appeasers and disrupters, such as Norman Thomas, John L. Lewis and their ilk."

Attention is called to Nelson's attack upon the Tehran conference.

"Only recently Goebels made similar attacks on the Moscow and Tehran conferences," the Rank and File added.

The pamphlet also pictures the Nelson bureaucracy in the local that has stifled activity and initiative, and left thousands in the industry unorganized.

Nelson himself is described as "manager, Secy. treasurer, recording secretary and organizer (?) with the executive board, grievance committee, sick relief committee and vacation fund committee, puppet agencies in his hands."

A stiff fight is promised by the R. & F. next Tuesday and Thursday, section membership meetings will have election and objection committees and nominate candidates for officers, executive board and Boston convention delegates.

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Screen 'Jane Eyre' Is Just Another Love Tale

JANE EYRE, a 20th Century Fox film directed by Robert Stevenson. William Goetz in charge of production. Starring Orson Welles and Joan Fontaine, at Radio City Music Hall.

By David Platt

"Jane Eyre" is one of those violent love stories that takes place in a sepulchral family house on the Moors. You know—the sort of creepy castle the postman hasn't passed since the hard weather set in. The setting is just right for an Orson Welles lording it over Joan Fontaine. Every time Orson (Rochester) makes an entrance with his hound and his horse the whole lot's "Jane Eyre." The novel was sensitively written and despite all its mid-Victorian heroics, had a healthy outlook on life. The movie is slightly brutal and negative. The book brought out something of the strong crusading for women's rights that marked the 1840's and '50's in England. The movie has completely misunderstood the character of Jane Eyre and has hooked up the part of Rochester to fit the needs of Orson Welles. A novel of deep social thought for its time has been turned into a horror movie.

There is nothing in this oppressive atmosphere where the long eerie nights are interrupted by screams and clanking of chains and loiting of huge doors. The movie has completely thrown from his horse and almost killed and the heroine is almost scared out of her wits as the two lovers meet for the first time. Their first kiss is accompanied by terrific thunder and lightning and falling of leaves. There's a dread secret in the tower. A mysterious stranger is nearly clawed to death trying to get into the heavily barred room. Some sets fire to Rochester's bed as he sleeps. All this and more you'll find in the movie.

But—but—it has nothing to do with Charlotte Bronte. Emily Bronte could be the real author of the movie. The movie has much more than custom has pronounced necessary for their sex." The real "Wuthering Heights" than Charlotte Bronte.



JOAN FONTAINE

and purpose, independent and courageous in heart and mind. She had little in common with the inarticulate, submissive character played by Joan Fontaine.

Robert Stevenson and his screen-writer have failed to bring "Jane Eyre" to life. They have turned out another heart-rendering love story without a great deal of meaning.

Jane Eyre was a fore-runner of the women of today who have entered the factories and shops and are helping to win the war. It would have been good to see a film that stressed something of the great traditions of earlier struggles for the rights of women to work and express themselves on an equal basis with men.

"DAILY" SPORTS

LOW DOWN -

Plenty of Thrills in Track as in All Other Sports

NAT LOW

A few days ago a friend asked me what sport I like best. That would seem like a comparatively easy question to answer, but for the life of me I couldn't bring myself to a decision.

The simple fact is that all sports intrigue me. Each sport has its own unique appeal and attraction. Each game has its own type of excitement and drama and when you think about the thing for a few minutes you realize precisely why competitive sports play so large a role in the life of people all over the world.

Track, for Instance

You take that track meet at the Garden Saturday night—the annual running of the Millrose Games.

When you come into the Garden the place is a splash of color with the track laid around the edge of what usually is the orchestra. On the middle of the floor is the straightaway sprint track where the 60-yard dashes are held. Alongside of that is the runway for the pole vault and about 20 feet from that is cross bar for high jumps.

On the track itself are hundreds of kids running around in resplendently colored uniforms. There are nearly a hundred Negro kids among the runners and the natural manner in which they mingle with their white brothers warms the heart and only serves to show how false is the concept of Jim Crow.

Four Negroes in Dash Finals

In the finals of the 60-yard dash, a race which requires not only tremendous speed but perfect condition and utmost concentration, four Negroes dominate the field. In fact they also dominate the semi-finals where out of eight runners, seven were Negroes.

The four runners lined up, bend over on the starting line, arch their backs at "Set" and leap forward at the gun. Barney Ewell, Camp Lee entry, gets off to a small lead but at the half-way mark Claude Young, a 17-year-old college freshman from Illinois, forces to the front and a split second later he and Ewell are straining every muscle in the tensed dash until they both hit the tape in what seems to be a dead heat. In third place is NYU's Eddie Conwell and finishing last is the veteran Herb Thompson. The time is a splendid 6.2 seconds.

The winner is announced as Young and the crowd gives him a grand hand for his first victory in his first meet in the Garden.

The Mel Sheppard "600"

Now the first important middle distance race of the evening is about to start. There is a field of five carefully selected runners for this event—the Mel Sheppard 600-yard run. The two favorites are Bob Ufer of Michigan and Jimmy Herbert, former NYU ace now a veteran of many years. An outside chance is Johnny Fulton a youngster from California.

But the crowd's favorite is the Negro Jimmy Herbert who has won this event four times since 1937 and needs one more victory to take permanent possession of the cup.

The gun sounds and Ufer gets off on top of the heap. Behind him is Fulton and Joe Nowicki while bringing up the rear is Herbert. This is a three-lap race so on the second lap Herbert starts to make his bid, aiming to get right on the heels of the pacer and then blow past him in the bell lap. But as he starts to pass Nowicki the Fordham runner moves slightly to the right and Herbert runs into him and is forced to break his stride while the crowd goes狂. For a full lap Herbert lays behind gathering strength for another bid.

By this time Fulton is out in front and running strong. The gun goes off for the last lap and then Herbert starts his vaunted kick. On the first bend he overtakes the field but for Fulton. On the far straightaway he goes up to about six feet of the California youngster and then on the last bend he draws alongside him, his face twisted with the strain. Now they're down the homestretch and running neck and neck. But the California youngster has heart and refuses to quit in the face of Herbert's terrific stretch drive so about 30 yards from the finish Herbert's older legs cannot take the strain and he breaks stride ever so slightly while Fulton rips the tape with about four feet to spare for a stunning victory.

Thrills? Beat that!

The Wanamaker Mile

It's mile time now and the race between Gil Dodds and Bill Rule as everybody knows even though there are three other starters.

Eleven laps to this race and Dodds has but one strategy: to run the rest of the guys clear into the boards with his terrific pace in the middle quarters. Which is just what he does. He takes the lead on the third lap and then starts to go out. Rule, straining, attempts to stay with him—and does. They tear around the track lap after lap until the gun starts the bell lap. About eight feet separate the two and now it's time for Rule's sprint if he's to win... But the pace has taken its toll and although he closes the gap ever so slightly he cannot overtake Dodds who blasts across the finish like a runaway express.

So there it is. There are thrills in all sports. Which one do you like most?

'Desert Victory' Literary Lookout Distributed By I.W.O.

By SAMUEL PUTNAM

DESERT VICTORY" (62 min., \$16 min.), selected as the best documentary film of 1943 by the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures, will be distributed by the National Film Division of the International Workers Order, a labor fraternal society.

This outstanding film on desert warfare is a remarkable motion picture record of the complete routing of Rommel's "Invincible" Afrika Korps from El Alamein, through Libya and finally out of North Africa.

The British Eighth Army soldiers, led by Generals Montgomery and Alexander, as well as Churchill, are the main actors. The elusive section of the cast consists of Field Marshal Rommel and his back-peddaling Nazis, thousands of whom are shown as prisoners.

"DESERT VICTORY" is an

lasting tribute to the British Eighth Army and the British Army-R.A.F. Film Crew headed by Lt. Col. MacDonald, which recorded its triumph.

Mr. Joe Fink, I.W.O., 80 Fifth Ave., New York, 11, N. Y. (AL 4-2232), is in charge of bookings for New York State. Mr. Charles Cooper, I.W.O., National Film Division, 80 Fifth Ave., New York, 11, N. Y. (AL 4-7733), is handling bookings outside of New York.

anemic; they are wizened little old men now, sitting in a chimney corner, as the young ones (and this is the pity of the thing), who are young enough to want to be like Granddad, cluster around admiringly and do their best to imitate the elderly wife.

The great danger of the "young magazine" always was its essential ingrownness. Its tendency from the start was to become a tight little circle, a little world with its own celebrities and its own vaunted achievements, of whom and of which the great mass of readers never had so much as heard tell. Only a few, an occasional Hemingway or a Kay Boyle, having served a brief apprenticeship in these close quarters, made their escape into the larger world of men and events.

As for the others, still flattered themselves, no doubt, that they are too advanced for the public taste, they are life members of the Society for Mutual Admiration in Print; but their little Thursday afternoon get-togethers are just about as exciting as the meetings of the Ladies' Aid Society used to be in my youth.

At one period alone, during the early and mid-thirties, were the windows thrown open for a moment for a breath of proletarian air; but this did not last for long, and with a deep sigh of relief the ladies closed the window and went on with their fancy-work.

Today, there is a war going on, the greatest struggle that humanity has ever known, one upon the outcome of which the fate of mankind on this planet and that of all human culture and civilization depend. But outside of Louis Aragon's beautiful poem "Lilacs and Roses," beautifully translated by William Carrigan—outside of this and the poem by Stephen Spender "The Conscript," which opens the number and which might mean anything—well, you'd never guess they were living.

It is not that every poem or story must whoop it up for the war. No one asks anything of that sort. What we do have a right to ask, those of us who believe that art has some relation to life and to society, is at least some sign or token of awareness that the writer is conscious of the world he lives in. Whereas, what you will encounter in this and similar publications is a deliberate and determined flight from that world, a flight from reality.

The winter wind is chill outside, but the old man at the fire only draws his muffer the tighter about his throat as he goes on piping of the glamour-seeming springtime of his youth.

NYU, LIU with New Men, Most Improved Teams

There are going to be quite a number of surprises when the second half of the college basketball season gets underway tomorrow night at the Garden as Canisius plays LIU and Rochester tackles NYU.

Most of the metropolitan teams have added promising freshmen and discharged servicemen to their squads and this may shift the balance of forces more than a little bit.

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Editorials**DAILY WORKER** and Comment

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The Dnieper Twist**Our Spanish Policy**

FRANCO'S reply to the Anglo-American suspension of February oil shipments once again reveals the complete inadequacy of our present policies toward Spain and the urgent necessity of their basic revision.

The press is full of "dope stories" that Franco is making minor concessions and new promises which our State Department is again hastening to accept. You would think from these stories that our ambassador in Madrid was more frightened by his own strong language than was Franco. Certainly, Franco's reply shows that however things may drag along for a week or a month, the crisis of our policy toward Spain remains.

Our government charged that Franco was not neutral, but was aiding the Axis. We specified a number of things: the presence of Spanish soldiers on the eastern front, the detention of Italian ships in the Balearics, the immense economic assistance to Hitler and the swarm of Nazi spies on Spanish soil.

To all of which Franco replies that his government "is prepared to submit to no pressure under any circumstances whatsoever against its right to maintain firmly such a position of neutrality." The next day, the President declared that he hopes Spain will become a "true neutral." In other words, the President recognizes that what Franco calls neutrality is not a true neutrality; on the other hand, Franco insists that his services to Germany are the essence of neutrality and, moreover, resents any pressure from us. The President is quite right. Franco's reply is not the reply of a neutral. It follows that our government must acknowledge that fact and from here on revise its policies accordingly.

If there was any reason for accepting such truculence a year ago, there is no excuse for it today. The United Nations are winning this war, and Germany is losing. If, on the eve of our all-out offensive to smash Hitler, we still refrain from breaking completely with Franco's regime, that would only convince this scrofulous character that we are prepared to accept his blood-stained tyranny in the new Europe.

But that would be preposterous and dangerous. First of all, the Spanish people are going to settle their own scores with Franco before this war is over. Unless we base ourselves on that perspective and do something to assist it, we run the risk of a grave moral crisis in our relations with the Spanish people which are a thousand times more important than relations with Franco's butcher regime.

Secondly, we cannot consolidate the security of the western hemisphere so long as the pernicious Falange continues to act as intermediary for Hitler Germany and continually undermines our good neighbors and ourselves. As in other respects, Argentina's break with Germany doesn't change the realities of the Falange penetration one bit.

Thirdly, we cannot hope to help the French and Italian people build a truly democratic Europe if Franco is left as the haven of fascism in between them. Not only will our military operations be more difficult, but the fruits of those operations will never ripen unless Spain is once again in the hands of our only Spanish friends—the heroic democrats of Spain.

Until the State Department begins to act

on these premises, we are not getting anywhere. And we are only compromising the perfectly good basis of our European policy as laid down at the Moscow conference.

Negro Employment

A RECENT survey shows that approximately 36 per cent of the 5,500,000 Negro workers in this country—or 1,500,000—are now working in our war industries. In the vital aircraft industry, Negroes now work as engineers, technicians, architects and chemists, whereas at the start of the war they were restricted to manual jobs. These figures show an appreciable progress. This progress made under the stern necessities of the war has the welcome effect of strengthening and deepening our whole concept of democracy. The FEPC played no small part in opening up the field of employment of Negroes.

However, the job is far from complete. Reactionary and bigoted men in positions of responsibility continue to hamper greater progress still possible, unfortunately even in some trade unions, particularly in the AFL certain officials constitute a great obstacle barring the road to Negro employment. Officials who adhere to such undemocratic policies are easy to single out by simple examination of their policies toward the home front and the conduct of the war. Instead of fulfilling their responsibilities as leaders of masses of workers in the unions, they highlight their own tory mentalities by playing up to the most backward tendencies among certain groups of biased workers. The task of honest trade union officials is to educate the masses whom they lead, to raise their level of understanding of the concept and practice of democracy.

Two groups of AFL officials have come into the public eye recently because of their policies of attempting to block employment in vital war industries—officials in the AFL Boilermakers and the AFL Seafarers International Union, headed by that darling of all Social-Democrats Harry Lundberg. The problem of utilizing the great well of potential manpower among Negro workers is so great that President Roosevelt felt compelled yesterday to send a personal appeal to the Boilermakers' conventions urging an end to discriminatory practices against Negro workers.

A reverse and splendid example has been set by the Murray leadership in the CIO. Murray's unity program, which rejects Jim Crowism in all its phases is reflected in the National Maritime Union where white and Negro seamen work side by side in equal partnership and full comradeship. The AFL top leadership's policies are conversely shown in the vicious attitude toward Negroes shown by the AFL maritime union, the Seafarers. President Roosevelt's personal message to the AFL Boilermakers was in reality addressed to the AFL Executive Council which, by its failure to actively oppose discrimination in the AFL unions, gives aid and comfort to those lower officials who would be happy to see the FEPC destroyed.

National unity demands a sturdy unity of black and white workers. The unity policy of the CIO must become the policy and practices of the AFL from top to bottom.

Labor and all patriotic Americans also have the responsibility to get behind the FEPC, to support the President's policies of equal rights for the Negro people, and to support the proposed legislation in Congress to make the FEPC permanent.

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Willkie, Tackling Home Issues, Ignores GOP Obstruction

By Mac Gordon

Wendell Willkie's speech at the New York Times Forum last Wednesday was his first serious discussion of a problem of domestic policy since we entered the war.

In the past, he has confined his remarks concerning domestic issues to a repetition of the usual Republican shibboleths regarding "extravagance," "bungling," "threats to free enterprise," and the rest of the meaningless slogans that foes of the President substitute for serious political debate.

The time has now come, Willkie says in his Times speech, to "broaden our approach," to tackle domestic policy along with foreign because in the world to come the two can't be separated.

It has been my position that the two have been inseparable for a long time, in fact since the war began. We have argued, along with the President, that national unity and war mobilization are an integral part of the struggle on the military and world political front. The fact that Willkie failed to take that position in practice is one of the reasons why the correct principle regarding wartime fiscal policy advanced by him in the Times speech has thus far been defeated by Congress.

The speech is devoted to problems of taxation. Willkie's position is that during the war the only criterion for taxation must be that every dollar above that necessary for maintaining our human resources must be taxed. This, he says, will require real sacrifices, far above the sacrifices we are facing today.

The basis for his demand for heavy taxation is that the nation will come out of the war with a staggering debt, the interest of which alone will be terrific. This debt must be cut down as much as is humanly possible during the war if we are to have a healthy economy after the war.

For the post-war period, Willkie proposes a minimum tax program so that enterprise capital and consuming power should remain at a maximum.

The principle, particularly as regards wartime taxation, is praiseworthy. It was generally enunciated by the President as part of his stabilization program. The chief difference is that the President has been fighting for his program against a combination of Republicans and Southern poll taxers while Willkie has remained completely silent. As a matter of fact, among those who voted against the President in Congress on this issue were Willkie supporters.

There is a peculiar similarity in the way in which Willkie applies his generally correct attitude toward wartime taxation in pursuance of his partisan political aim and the

young only to be expected.

This educated Catholic official must remember that there are other people, Catholics included, who never approved of that pact where

James Rooney.

Yet throughout the months-long

in substance. Answers to additional questions will bring out any points that may not at first be clear.

At the outset it is necessary to call attention to a rather general assumption that underlies most of the questions. It is a false assumption, but we can quite easily understand it, because many of us tend to suffer from the same thing. It is an assumption that in order to prove that a certain position is correct we must be able to show some precedent for it in a similar situation of the past. I am obliged to warn against this.

If anyone expects us to show that the situation we face now is essentially like some situation of the past, and that ready-made solutions can be found and copied from some one of the old classics of the past experience and literature of our movement—such persons will be disappointed.

Marxists do not work that way. Marxism is not a dogma. Marxism is a scientific method, and the very first lesson of that scientific method is that you must study the new and unprecedented, concrete and exact reality of the present day before you can decide any question of what to do about anything.

So to all of those good friends of ours who ask where they can find in any of the old and splendid books of our movement a duplication of the situation that we are now facing, and therefore a model of what we are to do about it now—we are obliged to reply that we cannot give it to you. As the great Lenin once explained—in a quite new, unprecedented situation in Russia—"you will not find what we are discussing in those old books."

Every member of our Party, every friend of our Party, every trade unionist, every deeply serious American who wants to know how to handle these grave questions, must face the fact that the present world situation is different from any that ever went before. Answers to all problems have to be found by striking out boldly into untried fields and making decisions without precedent.

The first question will be answered in tomorrow's Daily Worker. It will be:

"How can such a condition exist? How can there be unity between capitalism and socialism? They operate in such opposite ways."

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1944

Letters From Our Readers

Vatican's Record Favored Fascism

Providence, R. I.
Editor, Daily Worker:

The recent story in "Investigation" accusing the Vatican of being a supporter of fascism has created quite a furor. That ecclesiastical bigot, as he has done with regard to the Polish affair. At the Times Forum, for instance, in response to a question from the floor, Willkie again intimated, as he did in his Times article, that the Soviet Union is somehow violating the Four Freedoms and disturbing anti-Axis harmony by its refusal to dicker with the pro-fascist self-styled Polish Government-in-Exile concerning Western Ukraine and Byelorussia.

This is now the chief issue of the anti-Soviet forces in America.

On taxes, too, Willkie advances a post-war program which will sound good to everybody while utterly meaningless in practice.

When he begins to compromise in that fashion with principle he is jeopardizing the big advantage he still has as a statesman over any other leading Republican figure in the nation.

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French political veterans of the left were also taken by surprise. For several years they had struggled like the trapped Lascon in slimy coils and meshes of the "phony war."

Then the debacle fell upon them—those last few tragic weeks in which the undermined Republic fell. It surprised them, indeed. It surprised all of us, including the shrewdest of political veterans.

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Can anyone tell me, for example, what time it is by the fascist clock in the United States? How near or far we are from a fascist coup?

I have an awful feeling in my bones that it is only two minutes to the midnight hour. All the ghouls and ghosts of fascist barbarism are ready to rise from their slimy holes and take over. Or is this only my private nightmare?

Am I wrong? How wrong? How many minutes am I off from true time? Please don't point to some clock of European history to prove I am cockeyed.

In the United States, Congress is now under the leadership of Hamilton Fish, Rankin, Clark, Hoffman and Martin Dies. So stated Adam Lapin the other day in this paper. What does it mean when the free congress of a democracy falls to the fascists?

What does it mean when ten million votes of the young and more democratic-minded citizens are stolen? What is all this terrific rise in the thermometer of fascist anti-Semitism?

There are many other such signs. How can we tell what time they indicate? Which is the exact moment when quantity of fascism turns into a new quality that indicates the final grab for power? Somebody tell me; I'm worried.

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